

From: Michael Williams
To: Ms. Renata B. Heese
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement (Support)

Dear Ms. Heese:

I am writing in support of the recent settlement of the long-running antitrust lawsuit between the U.S. Department of Justice, state attorneys general and Microsoft Corporation. Though I applaud the nine state attorneys general that decided to follow the federal government's lead and settle the case, I am thoroughly disappointed that remaining state attorneys general and the District of Columbia have decided to further pursue this baseless case.

The settlement is going beyond fair to all except Microsoft. It will allow Microsoft's competitors to use Microsoft's Window's operating system to incorporate their software programs and will give consumers more services and products to choose from.

Microsoft's actions did not harm consumers, but provided them with great benefits by lowering the cost and increasing the availability of software products. Microsoft is a pioneer in the high-technology market and that their products increased our familiarity with the Internet. It's about time our government stop harrassing the producers in this country and go back to its one legitimate function: protecting our citizens and their property.

Once again, I thank you for your decision to settle this unfortunate lawsuit against a successful and innovative company.

Respectfully,

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